

and free my personal honor from imputation. (To Thomas Nelson, 1781. F. II., 435.)

PAROLE.—By the law of nations a breach of parole can only be punished by strict confinement. I would willingly suppose that no British officer had ever expressed a contrary purpose. It has, however, become my duty to declare that should such a threat be carried into execution, it will be deemed as putting prisoners to death in cold blood, and shall be followed by the execution of so many British prisoners in o.ur possession. (To a British General, 1781. F. II., 512.)

PARTIES.—Parties seem to< have taken a very well denned form in this quarter. The old Tories, joined by our merchants who trade in British capital, paper dealers, stock-brokers and the idle rich of the great commercial towns are with the kings. All other descriptions with the French. The war (between France and England) has kindled and brought forward the two parties with an ardour which our own interests merely could never excite. The war between France and England has brought forward the Republicans and Monocrats in every State so openly that their relative numbers are perfectly visible; it appears that the latter are as nothing. (To James Madison, 1793. F. VI., 326.)

PARTIES.—Two parties then do exist in the United States. They embrace respectively the following description of persons:

- The anti-Republicans consist of
1. The old refugees and Tories.
 2. The British merchants residing among us, and comprising the main body of our merchants.
 3. American merchants trading in British capital. Another

great portion.

4. Speculators and holders in the banks and public funds.

5. Officers of the Federal Government, with some exceptions.

6. Office hunters willing to give up principles for places. A numerous and noisy tribe.

7. Nervous persons, whose languid fibres have more analogy with a passive than an active state of things.